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'Canard Against Conservatives'

David Broder's "Was 1984 the Conservative Peak?" [op-ed, May 19] confuses Reaganism and conservatism and is a canard against conservatives.

A conservative is responsible, humane, civil and, by definition, opposed to sudden or great change. This administration, inspired by the intellect of the Moral Majority and the morality of the CIA, has substituted ideology and zealotry for thought and civility. Its fiscal and social irresponsibility and jingoism are radical, not conservative.

Responsible conservatives and liberals will have to repair the damage of Reaganism.

—*Eugene J. McNulty*